



# Calling all Elks

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## Margo's Message

by Margo Woolman, Exalted Ruler

The month of March brings hopes of warmer days and the color green. March 17th celebrates St Patrick's Day, in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought christianity to the Emerald Isles, as Ireland is known. It is truly a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs. Erin Go Braugh is perhaps the most common Irish term you will hear. It means "Ireland Forever".

Are you Irish perchance? Well, the saying goes everyone is a little Irish on Saint Patrick's Day! So to celebrate, the Elks will hold the 2nd Annual Casino Night on March 16th. Save this date and come have a great time! Green Drink Specials will be available too! We have many great prizes and the best part, is that the funds will go to ENF, which benefits our local youth and Veterans services. Let's make this the biggest fund raiser yet!

I want to say a special Thank You to all of the Elk Officers, Trustees, and Managers for your dedication, your commitment, your time, and your persistence at making Lodge #159 the place "to be". Committees are also working together to listen to ideas and make additions and changes that will benefit our Lodge, our Club, and our Golf Course. You will always be special me and I will always value your loyalty!

I would also like to Thank Jackie Norris and Dale Grothen for filling in for our two vacant officer chairs during this fiscal year. You are dear friends and true Elk members and your allegiance to the Elks is very much appreciated by all.

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## From the Trustees

by Butch Lyons, Chairman

Sad to say this is my last Trustee Letter. My five years on the Board will end on March 31, and I would like to thank the other Trustees, the Officers and you the members for your patience and support.

There will be changes coming to the ELKS this year, would encourage you to check the website and also the Newsletter for events and activities.

I would like to extend to all Elks in good standing to consider serving on the Trustee Board or as an Officer of the Lodge. Contact me at [ldlyons@charter.net](mailto:ldlyons@charter.net) or call (402) 460-6562

Casino night is March 16, so come out and have some fun. There will be an auction held that night.

Monday mixed league and Thursday Men's League will start in May. There will be sign up sheets in the Club House and you can sign up for Thursday Men's League on the website. You'll find the sign up by going to the Men's League page from the main menu, and clicking the Register button.

*What do YOU care about?*

Visit [IAmAnElk.org](http://IAmAnElk.org)  
to see what others say.



**2013 E.R. Ball**  
**Honoring New E.R.**  
**Brad Norton**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH**  
**6pm - Cocktails**  
**7pm - Dinner (Cream Can Cuisine)**  
**Dance to follow.**  
**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!**

## Notes From the Secretary

by Joe Thompson

I wish to thank the membership on the rapid response of Dues payments. All dues are due by April 1st. Elks Membership cards will be mailed as soon as dues are processed. Widow's cards will be mailed March 30th.

**Golfing Members:** Please note that there is a small sticker on your card that identifies you as a golfing member. We will have many new golfing members, and several new employees, so please make sure you have your card with you. It will make it easier on everybody.

Exalted Ruler-Elect, Brad Norton, is working on his Committee appointments for the upcoming year, and needs everyone's help. If you have accepted one of the appointments, THANK YOU. If you have not been asked, but would be interested in being involved with a particular program, please volunteer.

Lapsation (members being dropped for non-payment of dues) is now at 22 members. While this is a low number, it still represents a budget shortfall of \$2,000. Our new members have almost made up the difference, and we may show a membership gain for the year. We won't know the final total until March 31st.

On a personal note, I want to take a moment to thank the Members of the Lodge for helping Carol and I as we worked on many Elks events through the years.

Thirty-eight years ago, I was elected as your Exalted Ruler. Twenty-seven years ago, I became Lodge Secretary. Now, the time has arrived for us to move on to another position - in April, I hope to be elected the Secretary for the Nebraska Elks Association. If I attain this position, the duties and time involved will preclude my continuing to serve as Lodge Secretary.

Butch Lyons has agreed to become the next Lodge Secretary, and has been elected to the position for 2013-2014. Please give Butch and Jarilyn the same courtesy, kindness and time that were given to Carol and myself over the years. Secretary is a complex and extremely busy office to hold; and I hope you will support Butch as he learns the ropes.



**NIGHT**  
**AT THE ELKS**  
Saturday, March 16  
6pm

Don't miss one of the most popular and FUN Spring parties we've ever held!

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TABLE GAMES, NACHO BAR AND MUCH MORE!

